

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 12-15, 17-30 and 39-66 are pending in the application, and are each amended by the present amendment. Support for the amended claims can be found at least at Figs. 1, 20 and 43, and their corresponding description in the originally filed disclosure. No new matter is presented.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 12, 22, 39-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Browne et al. (WO 92/22983, herein Browne); and Claims 2-10, 13-15, 17-21, 23-30 and 42-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable in view of one or more of Browne, Kim (U.S. 5,933,394) and/or Takahashi (U.S. 6,931,531).

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the courtesy extended by Examiner Chowdhury and Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) Tran in holding a personal interview with the undersigned on March 24, 2010. During the interview, an overview of the invention was presented and proposed claim amendments were discussed. As noted in the Interview Summary, SPE Tran indicated that the proposed amendments discussed during the interview “would overcome the references of record and [the] transfer of emails”. In response, independent Claims 1, 12, 22 and 39-41 are amended to incorporate the proposed amendments discussed during the interview, as outlined below. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 be withdrawn.

The proposed amendments discussed during the interview and incorporated by the present amendment include clarifying that the “information processing apparatus” is a “personal computer” and the device is a “portable media player”. Such a clarification clearly defines over a configuration in Browne, for example, which includes a digital video recorder

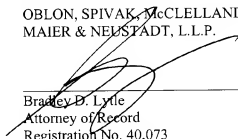
(DVR) that displays selected stored content on a television connected to the DVR. The claims are further amended to clarify that the content data transferred from the personal computer to the portable media player is "a subset of the plurality of pieces of content data" stored at the personal computer. Such a configuration differentiates from a process in which every piece of information stored in a memory of a personal computer is transferred to a portable device, for example. The claims are also amended to clarify that the connection used to transfer the subset of the plurality of pieces of content data between the personal computer and the portable media player is a "direct local connection" between the devices. Such a configuration distinguishes over a system by which data may be transferred between devices over a network, or the internet, for example, as noted in the Interview Summary. Further, the claims are amended to clarify that the transfer of the subset of the plurality of pieces of content data is performed "automatically ... without regard to a user input designating the subset of the plurality of pieces of content data". Such a configuration differentiates over a system in which a user selects (e.g. designates) each piece of content that is to be transmitted from a personal computer to a portable device, for example.

Consequently, in view of the comments above, and in view of the understanding reached during the interview, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application including Claims 1-10, 12-15, 17-30 and 39-66 is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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